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1. SUGAR INDUSTRY SPOKESMAN SAID SUSPENSION U.S. QUOTAS COULD NOT AFFECT GUATEMALAN EXPORTS UNTIL 1974-75 CROP GRINDINGS BEGIN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER. INDUSTRY HAS FULFILLED 1974 QUOTA AND SHIPPED ADDITIONAL 3,489 ST TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO WHEN QUOTA WAS CHANGED. ANOTHER AND FINAL 1,100 ST ARE WAITING AT PORT FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO BUYER WHO CAN FURNISH SHIPPING SPACE. MEANTIME, INDUSTRY HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF DOMESTIC SUGAR SO THAT PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT CAN BEGIN WITH NOVEMBER HARVEST.

2. AGATT EMPHASIZED CONTINUING IMPORTANCE OF US AS SUGAR MAKET AND POINTED OUT TO BOTH INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (LATTER IS A CANE GROWER HIMSELF) THAT QUOTAS UNDER ANY NEW SUGAR ACT ARE LIKELY TO BE BASED UPON 1974 PERFORMANCE. THEY CITED ABOVE QUOTA DELIVERIES.

3. SUGAR INDUSTRY IN BELIZE HAS PERFORMED SUPERBLY IN 1974 WITH REFERENCE TO FULFILLING US QUOTA AND FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED OFFERINGS. HONDURAS, WHICH SUFFERED NEAR CROP
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FAILURE IN 1972-73, CAME BACK IN 1974 WITH A SYMBOLIC SHIPMENT OF 5,000 TONS TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUING INTEREST AND

PARTICIPATION IN US QUOTA SYSTEM.

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